



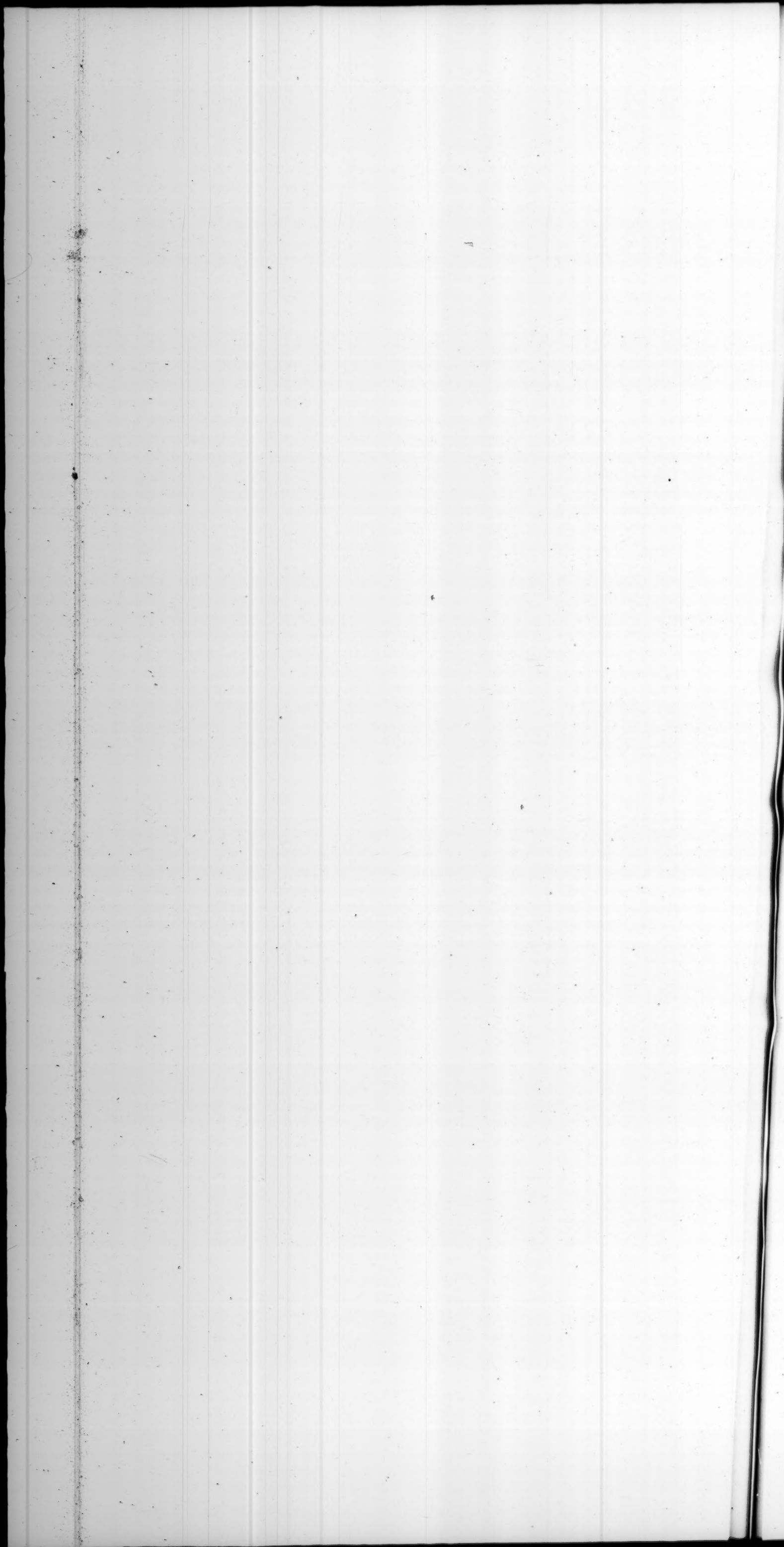
By the King.

A Proclamation for the apprehending and due
punishing of the late Mutiners at Wellington,
in the County of Somerset.



Hereas a company of one hundred and sixty Souldiers lately prested in Our County of Devon, for Our service, being under the Conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Gibson, did in their march towards the Northern parts, at the Town of Wellington, in Our County of Somerset, fall into an insolent and desperate mutiny, in which (amongst other outrages) they did most cruelly murder Lieutenant Compton Eyres, one of their Officers, and in a most barbarous and inhumane manner drag'd him thorow the streets, and have since disbanded and departed from their Commanders, contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of the Realm. Forasmuch as we now finde that Our Princely Clemency extended towards some others, late offenders in this kinde, hath not produced that conformity and obedience in Our common Souldiers, which we expected, and that at this time it is necessary that severe and exemplary punishment should be inflicted on offenders of this nature, do hereby straitly charge and command all Our loving and loyall Subjects, to use all possible diligence and endeavour for the speedy apprehension of all the said one hundred and sixty men; and especially, of John Moore, of the Parish of Mymett Epi. John Wall, of the Parish of Wittridge, Edward Clarke, of the Parish of South-Molton, Thomas Clarke and John Paramore, of the Parish of Swinbridge, William Shapcott, of the Parish of West-Austie, Bartholomew





Tucker, of the Parish of Chittle-Hampton, John Touth, Tobie Touth, and William Touth, of the Parish of Minmett Epi. Edward Lovering and William Gregory, of the Parish of Lankey, in the said County of Devon, who were principall Movers and Actors in the said mutiny and murder, And to bring the said parties, and all the rest of the said mutiners, before Our Justices of Peace, or other Magistrates, whereby they may be committed to prison, there to remain untill they shall have received their due trials according to the Law.

And we do further declare, That if any person or persons whatsoever, shall presume to harbour, receive, and comfort the said Offenders (knowing them to be of the said company) we shall hold them as persons guilty of the aforesaid offences, and proceed against them according to Justice.

And we will and command, that upon the apprehension of any of the said mutiners and offenders, advertisement shall be forthwith given unto the Lord Generall of Our Army, to the end that by his care the Evidence may be prepared and sent against the times of their trial (which we require to be respited untill then) that so the parties guilty may not for want of Evidence escape the just censure and punishment of the Law, according to the merits of their offences. And for the better execution of Our Royall Will and pleasure herein, we do in more especiall manner require and command the Lords Lieutenants of the Counties of Devon, Somerset, Wilts, Dorset, and Cornwall, and their Deputies, and all Justices of Peace, Justices, and Sheriffs of the said severall Counties, to cause Hue and Cry and searches to be made in all places within the said severall Counties respectively, for the speedy apprehending of all the said Mutiners, and for their safe custody untill their severall trials, which we have directed shall be done with all convenient speed.

And we do further charge and command all Constables, Bayliffs, Headboroughs, and other Our Officers, Ministers, and Subjects whatsoever, That they and every of them do readily obey and execute all such Warrants and directions as they shall receive for this Our Service, as they tender Our high displeasure, and will answer it at their perils.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the four and twentieth day of Iuly, in the sixteenth yeer of Our Reign.

God save the King.



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